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A METHOD FOR LOAD BALANCING OF REQUESTS FOR SERVICE BY DEVICES ON A NETWORK AND A DEVICE AND A NETWORK FOR CARRYING OUT SUCH

**METHOD** 

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